

CLAIMS

What I claim as my invention is:

1) Amended

A package [consisting of an assembly of] comprising a container and a closure:

[a] said container [composed of] having a generally cylindrical sidewall [having] including an integral base wall at one end and an opening at the other end[:];

said container having interior, exterior, bottom, and top surfaces;

and [the interior surface of] said container [sidewall] having retention means for retaining a closure at or near said other end [;] and elevating means located near said other end;

[and a] said closure [composed of] having a generally cylindrical sidewall that is smaller in diameter than the interior surface of said container sidewall;

[has retention] said closure having elevating means on the outer surface of said closure sidewall that cooperates with said container [retention] elevating means;

[and] said closure sidewall has a top panel integrally formed at one end;

said top panel [has a top surface that] is smaller in diameter than the exterior diameter of the container sidewall, and has a top surface that has little [or no projection] to no protrusion above said container other end;

said top panel has a bottom surface integrally connected to said closure sidewall, and a side surface intermediate said top and bottom surfaces at the periphery of said top panel;
said container sidewall being of such diameter, below the top surface and near said other end, so as to accommodate said closure top panel side surface and the container sidewall being smaller in diameter than said closure top panel side surface below said accommodating diameter forming a ledge to limit the distance the closure can move into the container;

said closure being removable from said container by rotating said closure with respect to said container.

2) A package according to claim 1 having sealing means such that when said closure is applied to said container such that the package is closed, a surface on the exterior of said closure and a surface on the interior of said container will be in continuous contact with each other so as to prevent or reduce the ingress or egress of moisture or water vapor to the package, along the area of contact.

3) Amended

A package according to claim 2 where the sealing means is provided by continuous contact of a portion of said container sidewall ledge top surface and a portion of the bottom surface of said closure top panel when said package is closed.

4) A package according to claim 1 having a slot extending from the top surface of said closure top panel toward the bottom surface of said top panel.

5) A package according to claim 1 having said closure and said container being composed of one or more plastic materials.

6) Amended

A package according to claim 1 having the [outer] top surface of said closure top panel being convex.

7) Amended

A package according to claim 1 where the [retention] elevating means on said container and closure are [composed of] cooperating screw threads.

8) Amended

A package according to claim 1 where the retention means on the container and closure are composed of an engaging bead[s.] at the opening of said container sidewall and the periphery of said closure top panel.

9) Amended

A package according to claim 8 [where the said engaging bead on said closure is] having retention means comprising the periphery of said closure top panel and the [retention means on the container consists of said] engaging bead [being] at or near the said open end of the sidewall to retain the closure within the container and a reduced diameter of

said sidewall below said engaging bead to form a ledge that limits the distance the closure can be inserted into the container.

10) Amended

A package according to claim [9] 1 having elevating means including an inclined surface protruding from the interior of said container sidewall near said other end and a generally vertical spline protruding from said closure sidewall a sufficient distance so that the bottom surface of said spline will contact and move up said inclined surface as said closure is rotated with respect to said container.

11) Amended

A package [consisting of an assembly of:] comprising a container and a closure:

[a] said container having a first generally cylindrical sidewall having an integral base wall at one end and an integrally connected second generally cylindrical sidewall being larger in diameter at the other end;

said first and second generally cylindrical sidewalls having continuous interior and exterior surfaces,

said second generally cylindrical sidewall being integral with said first generally cylindrical sidewall by a generally conical section at one of its ends and an opening at its other end;

[and] said second generally cylindrical sidewall having retention means on its interior surface, for retaining a closure, at or near said opening; and having elevating means located intermediate said retention means and said generally conical section,

[a] said closure having a generally cylindrical sidewall that is smaller in diameter than the interior surface of said container second generally cylindrical sidewall; and having [retention means on its] an outer surface with elevating means that cooperates with said container second generally cylindrical sidewall [retention] elevating means;

[and] said closure sidewall having [a] an integral top panel at one end that has [a] top, bottom, and side [surface] surfaces, and the diameter of the side surface [that is] being smaller than the exterior diameter, of said container second generally cylindrical sidewall,

[and] said top surface of the top panel has little [or no projection] to no protrusion above said second generally cylindrical sidewall;
said closure having retention means for cooperating with the retention means on said second generally cylindrical sidewall to retain the closure within said container,
said container second generally cylindrical sidewall being of such diameter, near said other end, as to accommodate said closure top panel side surface and the container second generally cylindrical sidewall being smaller in diameter than said closure top panel side surface below said accommodating diameter forming a ledge to limit the distance the closure can move into the container;
said closure being removable from said container by rotating said closure with respect to said container.

12) A package according to claim 11 having sealing means such that when said closure is assembled with said container such that the package is closed, cooperating surfaces on the closure and container will be in continuous contact with each other so as to prevent or reduce the ingress or egress of moisture or water vapor to the package along the area of contact.

13) A package according to claim 12 where said sealing means is composed of a portion of the surface of said container second generally cylindrical sidewall contacting a portion of said closure sidewall such that it reduces or prevents the ingress or egress of moisture into or out of the package.

14) A package according to claim 12 where said sealing means is composed of a portion of the surface of said container second generally cylindrical sidewall being in continuous contact with a portion of said closure top panel, when the package is closed.

15) A package according to claim 11 having a slot extending from the top surface of said closure top panel toward the bottom surface of said closure top panel.

16) A package according to claim 11 having said closure and said container composed of one or more plastic materials.

17) amended

A package according to claim 11 such that said [retention] elevating means is composed of one or more cooperating screw threads on the exterior of [the] said closure sidewall and interior of said container second generally cylindrical sidewall.

18) amended

A package according to claim 11 where the said retention means on said closure [is the] are the top, bottom and side surfaces at the periphery of said closure top panel and the retention means on the container consists of a bead being at or near the said open end of the said second generally cylindrical sidewall and a reduced diameter of said second generally cylindrical sidewall below said [engaging] bead to form a ledge that limits the distance the closure can be inserted into the container.

19) amended

A package according to claim 18 having said elevating means including an inclined surface protruding from [the] said interior surface of said container second generally cylindrical sidewall near said opening below said retention means and a generally vertical spline protruding from said closure sidewall a sufficient distance so that the bottom surface of said spline will contact and move up said inclined surface as said closure is rotated with respect to said container to disengage said closure from said container to open the package,